

# Metropolitan Asylum District.

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THE  
FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT  
OF THE  
METROPOLITAN IMBECILE ASYLUM,  
CATERHAM,  
SURREY.

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# CATERHAM IMBECILE ASYLUM.

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25th March, 1875.*

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# FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

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5th November, 1875.

TO THE MANAGERS OF THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee have pleasure in bringing up the annual Reports of the Officers of the Caterham Asylum, with the usual statistical tables, viz. :—

- Table 1. Number of Patients in the Asylum on the 30th September, 1875, with the Unions and Parishes to which they are chargeable.
2. The forms of their mental disease during the year.
  - 3 & 4. The causes of deaths.
  5. The ages of admission, and of discharge or death.
  6. Length of residence of Patients discharged recovered, or dead.
  7. Admissions, discharges, and deaths.
  - 8 & 9. Summary of one day's reports.
  - 10 and 11. Station in life, or occupation of the Male and Female Patients.

To these is added a table of the meteorological observations made during six months of the year.



There have been treated during the year 2,351 Patients, of whom 486 were fresh admissions. Of these 28 were discharged cured, 21 were sufficiently improved to be removed to the care of their friends, whilst 29 have been removed to County Asylums as dangerous or suicidal; 107 have been transferred to the sister Asylums of Leavesden, Hampstead, and Clapton, and 5 Male Patients who were improving, and would shortly have been discharged in regular form, escaped from the Asylum, and were not brought back.

The deaths were 133 among the Males, and 161 among the Females, an unusually high rate of mortality having existed during the extreme cold of last winter, notwithstanding the temperature in the wards was properly maintained. Of these Patients, 122 were over 60 years of age, 46 were over 70, and 7 over 80 years.

The highest number of Patients resident in the Asylum on any one day, was 1,901, the lowest number was 1,811, and the average throughout the year, 1,842.

The cases admitted during the year have been more severe in character. More than one-fourth of the inmates are now found to be subject to Epilepsy or other convulsive affections, requiring, of course, great care on the part of the attendants to preserve them from injury. On the whole they have not been quite so advanced in age, although 33 were over 70 years of age, and 7 over 80 years. There has again been an entire absence of restraint or seclusion and freedom from epidemic or contagious disease.

It will be seen that the year's profit on the farm and garden has increased to nearly £400, notwithstanding a considerable loss having been experienced from the whole of the stock having suffered from the foot and mouth epidemic. Many of the Male Patients continue to be most usefully employed here.

Table 8 shows the manner in which the Patients are occupied, and the Tables given by the Steward and Matron respectively,

the value of the work executed by them in the different workshops; that by the Males in the tailors, shoemakers, and upholsterers' shops having been to the value of £642, whilst the Females have made 13,498 new articles of wearing apparel, and repaired 113,778 old ones, the money value of their labour being at a moderate estimate about £460, less the salary and board of the sewing mistress. In addition, 78,000 dozen articles have been washed in the laundry, chiefly by Female Patients. If computed at only 6*d.* per dozen, the value of this labour would amount to about £2,000.

The Engineer's report indicates the various works which have been carried on in his Department; amongst these are a complete system of appliances requisite for the protection of the Establishment from fire, to supervise which a fireman has been appointed.

Your Committee are glad to say that there have been no important changes in the Staff during the past year, the resignations and dismissals among the attendants and servants have been fewer than in former years. All the charge nurses, with one exception, have been trained in the Asylum itself; nearly all those in the charge of wards, both on the Male and Female sides, have been a considerable time in your employment, and the Committee are happy to be able to report very favourably of their general conduct and efficiency.

By order of the Local Government Board, certain charges have been transferred from the Maintenance to the General Account, hence the charge to the Parishes has been reduced from 1*s.*, the rate for the previous year, to 7½*d.* per head per day; the actual cost of their maintenance, has, however, remained nearly the same.

The officers at the head of the several departments continue to discharge their duties with zeal, and your Committee endeavour to enforce as rigid economy as is compatible with the well-being of the Institution and its inmates.

(Signed) WILLIAM S. CORTIS, M.D.,  
Chairman.



STATEMENT showing the Cost per Head of the Maintenance of Patients, the Daily Average Number of Patients, and the Prices of the Principal Articles of Provisions and Necessaries, during the several Half-Years from the opening of the Asylum, on the 1st October, 1871, to the 2nd October, 1875.

Description of Charge.	Half Year ended 25th March, 1871.		Half-Year ended 30th Sept., 1871.		Half-Year ended 30th March, 1872.		Half-Year ended 5th October, 1872.		Half-Year ended 29th March, 1873.		Half-Year ended 4th October, 1873.		Half-Year ended 28th March, 1874.		Half-Year ended 3rd October, 1874.		Half-Year ended 27th March, 1875.		Half-Year ended 2nd October, 1875.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
For the Maintenance of Patients— Including Provisions and Cloth- ing, Gas, Warming, Water, and other Necessaries ... .. For Salaries, Maintenance, and Uniforms of Officers ... .. For Medicines and other Charges (except Repayments of Principal of Loans with Interest, Furni- ture, and Additions and Repairs to Buildings)... ..	0	11½	0	9½	0	9	0	9½	0	9¾	0	10	0	10	0	9	0	7½	0	7½
	0	9	0	3½	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	2¾	0	2¾	0	2¾	0	2¾	0	2¾
	0	1½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½
Total Daily Rate ... ..	1	10	1	1½	1	0½	1	0¾	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Weekly Rate... ..	12	10	7	10½	7	1¾	7	5½	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	7	0	7	0
Daily Average Number of Patients	476	90	1,461	107	1,596	130	1,644	94	1,666	54	1,667	41	1,752	67	1,846	118	1,863	162	1,831	186

Description of Article.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Ox Beef } per lb. ... ..	0	0	7½	0	0	7½	0	0	9	0	0	7¾	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	7	
Mutton } per lb. ... ..	2	8	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	4	6	2	5	0	2	4	9	1	10	0	
Flour, Best Household, at per sack.	5	10	0	5	10	0	5	16	0	5	6	0	5	16	0	5	15	0	5	14	0	
Butter, at per cwt. ... ..	3	8	0	3	8	0	2	18	0	3	6	0	3	8	0	3	8	0	3	7	0	
Cheese, at per cwt. ... ..	0	1	6½	0	1	6½	0	1	7½	0	1	7½	0	1	7½	0	1	7½	0	1	6½	
Tea, at per lb. ... ..	1	11	0	1	11	0	1	12	6	1	12	6	1	12	6	1	4	0	1	4	0	
Sugar, Raw, at per cwt.	2	16	0	2	16	0	2	16	0	2	8	0	2	4	0	2	3	6	2	1	0	
Cocoa, at per cwt. ... ..	0	18	0	0	18	0	0	17	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	18	0	0	13	9	
Rice, at per cwt. ... ..	3	5	0	3	5	0	6	10	0	5	0	0	4	5	0	4	5	0	4	11	6	
Potatoes, at per ton ... ..	0	7	6	0	7	6	0	6	9	0	10	6	0	8	6	0	8	6	0	8	6	
Eggs, at per 100 of 120	1	6	0	1	6	0	1	5	6	1	5	6	1	5	6	1	5	6	1	5	6	
Porter, at per barrel ... ..	1	12	0	1	12	0	1	9	0	1	9	0	1	9	0	1	9	0	1	9	0	
Ale, at per barrel ... ..	23	10	0	23	10	0	32	10	0	28	0	0	29	0	0	27	0	0	25	0	0	
Soap, Yellow, at per ton	0	18	7	0	18	7	0	19	3	300	tons, 33/3	300	tons, 30/3	1	7	9	1	7	9	23/8	& 23/11	
House Coal, at per ton	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	17	0	300	tons, 32/3	200	tons, 29/0	1	5	6	1	5	6	1	3	8
Steam Coal, at per ton	0	17	5	0	17	5	0	18	6	200	tons, 35/0	300	tons, 29/3	1	3	9	1	3	9	23/9	and 25/21	
Gas Coal, at per ton ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

\* From Michaelmas to Christmas.

† From Christmas to Lady Day.

CATERHAM ASYLUM.—DIETARY TABLE FOR THE PATIENTS.

BREAKFAST.										DINNER.														TEA.								
MALES.					FEMALES.					MALES.							FEMALES.															
Bread.	Butter.	Tea or Cocoa.	Bread.	Butter.	Bread.	Butter.	Tea or Cocoa.	Pie (containing 4 ozs. of Meat).	Meat (cooked, and free from Bone).	Fish, cooked, free from heads, with 2 ozs. of melted butter.	* Irish Stew.	Vegetables or Rice.	Bread.	Beer.	Pie (containing 4 ozs. of Meat).	Meat (cooked and free from bone).	Fish, cooked, free from heads, with 2 ozs. of melted butter.	† Soup.	Currant Dumpling.	Irish Stew.	Vegetables or Rice.	Bread.	Beer.	Bread.	Butter.	Cheese.	Beer.	Tea.	Bread.	Butter.	Tea.	
ozs.	oz.	pt.	ozs.	oz.	ozs.	oz.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	ozs.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	pt.	ozs.	ozs.	pt.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MONDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	13	...	...	...	...	9	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
TUESDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	5	...	...	...	10	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
WEDNESDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	...	...	{ 9	...	10 or ...	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	{ 8	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
THURSDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	5	...	...	...	10	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
FRIDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	5	...	...	...	10	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
SATURDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
SUNDAY	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	...	...	...	...	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	1

Male and Female Patients laboriously employed are allowed Bread and Cheese, and half-pint Beer at 11 A.M., and half-pint Beer at 4 P.M.  
\* The Irish Stew is to be made with 3 ozs. Meat and the Liquor from the Meat of the previous day, 12 ozs. Potatoes and other vegetables, and 4 ozs. Dumping for the Males, and 3 ozs. for the Females.  
† The Soup is to be made with 4 ozs. Meat and the Liquor from the Meat of the previous day, Peas, Rice, Scotch Barley, Herbs, &c.  
‡ In lieu of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of Butter daily, the Female Patients may be given an extra ounce of cooked Meat on each of the four meat days.



## CATERHAM ASYLUM.

Statement showing the Cost of Maintenance of Patients during the Half-year ended 27th March, 1875.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PARISH OR UNION.	No. of Days.	Maintenance at 6½d. per day.	Clothing at 1d. per day.	Funerals.	TOTAL.			
Amount of Provisions consumed by Inmates as per Steward's Books—															
Christmas Quarter .. ..	4,351	17	5						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Lady Day ditto .. ..	4,541	18	11	8,893	16	4	Balance brought forward .. ..	..	..	..	..	349	3	1	
Amount of Necessaries consumed by Inmates—							City of London Union ..	7,293	197	13	1	2	2	0	
Christmas Quarter .. ..	104	4	8				Fullham ditto ..	7,504	203	4	8	31	5	4	
Lady Day ditto .. ..	80	11	2	184	15	10	Greenwich ditto ..	7,240	196	1	8	30	3	4	
							Hackney ditto ..	230	6	4	7	0	19	2	
							Holborn ditto ..	48,306	1,308	5	9	201	5	6	
							Lewisham ditto ..	1,356	36	14	6	5	13	0	
							Mile End Old Town ..	116	3	2	10	0	9	8	
							Poplar .. ..	400	10	16	8	1	13	4	
							St. George's Union ..	21,488	581	19	4	89	10	8	
							St. George-in-the-East ..	142	3	16	11	0	11	10	
							St. Giles and St. George, Bloomsbury	13,581	367	16	4	56	11	9	
Estimated cost of Clothing, at 1d. per head daily .. ..	..	..		1,359	2	10	St. Giles, Camberwell ..	21,047	570	0	6	87	13	11	
Cost of Funerals during Half-year .. ..	..	..		175	7	0	St. John Hampstead ..	680	18	8	4	2	16	8	
							St. Leonard, Shoreditch ..	676	18	6	2	2	16	4	
							St. Luke, Chelsea ..	16,423	444	15	9	68	8	7	
							St. Marylebone ..	1,781	48	4	9	7	8	5	
							St. Mary, Lambeth ..	45,777	1,239	15	10	190	14	9	
							St. Mary, Islington ..	3,080	83	8	4	12	16	8	
Balance .. ..	..	..		104	19	4	St. Mary Abbots, Kensington	173	4	13	7	0	14	5	
							St. Matthew, Bethnal Green ..	350	9	9	7	1	9	2	
							St. Pancras ..	3,761	101	17	2	15	13	5	
							St. Olave's Union ..	29,634	802	11	9	123	9	6	
							St. Saviour's ditto ..	40,192	1,088	10	8	167	9	4	
							Strand ditto ..	15,024	406	18	0	62	12	0	
							Stepney ..	123	3	6	8	0	10	3	
							Wandsworth and Clapham Union	16,403	444	4	11	68	6	11	
							Whitechapel ditto ..	979	26	10	4	4	1	7	
							Woolwich ditto ..	11,045	299	2	8	46	0	5	
							Westminster ditto ..	11,385	308	6	11	47	8	9	
								326,194	8,834	8	5	1,359	2	10	
												175	6	0	
TOTAL .. ..	..	..		£10,718	1	4						TOTAL	£10,718	1	4



## CATERHAM ASYLUM.

*Statement showing the Cost for Maintenance of Patients during the Half-year ended 2nd October, 1875.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PARISH OR UNION.	No. of Days.	Maintenance, including Clothing, at 7½d. per day.	Funerals.	TOTAL.		
Amount of Provisions consumed by Inmates as per Steward's Books—													
Midsummer Quarter .. ..	4,295	15	9				Balance.. ..	..	£	s.	d.		
Michaelmas ditto .. ..	4,815	5	11				Sale of Sundry Articles .. ..	..	..	..	£		
				9,111	1	8	Profit on Farm .. ..	..	..	..	s.		
Amount of Necessaries consumed by Inmates as per Steward's Books—											d.		
Midsummer Quarter .. ..	91	2	0				City of London Union .. ..	7,369	230	5	7		
Michaelmas ditto .. ..	115	0	0				Fulham ditto .. ..	8,062	251	18	9		
				206	2	0	Greenwich ditto .. ..	7,917	247	8	2		
From Clerk's Cash Account .. ..	..	..	..	1	15	0	Hackney ditto .. ..	378	11	16	3		
							Holborn ditto .. ..	50,614	1,581	13	9		
Value of Clothing .. ..	..	..	..	2,447	0	0	Lewisham ditto .. ..	1,697	53	0	7		
							Mile End Old Town, Hamlet.. ..	189	5	18	2		
Cost of Funerals during the Half-year .. ..	..	..	..	86	2	0	Poplar Union .. ..	785	24	10	7		
							St. George's Union .. ..	23,110	722	3	9		
							St. George-in-the-East, Parish .. ..	189	5	18	2		
							St. Giles and St. George, Bloomsbury, Parish .. ..	14,930	466	11	3		
							St. Giles, Camberwell, Parish.. ..	20,710	647	3	9		
							St. John, Hampstead ditto .. ..	1,068	33	7	6		
							St. Leonard, Shoreditch ditto .. ..	728	22	15	0		
							St. Luke, Chelsea ditto .. ..	15,140	473	2	6		
							St. Marylebone ditto .. ..	3,522	110	1	3		
							St. Mary, Lambeth ditto .. ..	46,486	1,452	13	9		
							St. Mary, Islington ditto .. ..	3,680	115	0	0		
							St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Parish .. ..	189	5	18	1		
							St. Matthew, Bethnal Green ditto .. ..	629	19	13	2		
							St. Pancras ditto .. ..	5,388	168	7	6		
							St. Olave's Union .. ..	33,909	1,059	13	1		
							St. Saviour's ditto .. ..	42,345	1,323	5	8		
							Strand ditto .. ..	14,738	460	11	3		
							Stepney ditto .. ..	135	4	4	4		
							Wandsworth and Clapham Union .. ..	17,614	550	8	9		
							Whitechapel Union .. ..	1,201	37	10	8		
							Woolwich ditto .. ..	11,778	368	1	3		
							Westminster ditto .. ..	11,740	366	17	6		
								346,240	10,820	0	0		
										86	2	0	
										TOTAL	£10,906	2	0
											£11,472	18	10
											379	1	10
											£11,852	0	8
Total .. ..	..	..	..	£11,852	0	8	Balance .. ..	..	..	..			

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ASYLUM, CATERHAM.

Caterham Asylum,  
October 1st, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to present my fifth Annual Report, with an appendix of statistical tables, which show in detail the operations of the past year.

For one or two years past a system of meteorological observation has been kept, the instruments for which were liberally supplied by the Committee. The Asylum, from its position, elevation, &c., being well adapted for this purpose, I am able to give, in the Appendix, the result of several months' observation, in a pretty complete form. Considerable advantage has been gained from these observations in a medical and sanitary point of view, as they have enabled us in some measure to determine the relations of some diseases to temperature, atmospheric conditions, &c., and it is hoped in future to carry them on in a more extended scale. .

On the 30th September, 1874, the numbers of Patients resident in the Asylum were:—

Males, 819	Females, 1,046	Total, 1,865
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There have been admitted since, 260 men, and 226 women, making a total of 2,351, who have been under care and treatment during the year.



Seventeen men and 12 women have been discharged to the County Asylums; 19 men and 9 women have recovered, and been taken home by their friends; 21 of both sexes have improved so much as to be able to live with friends or be received into Workhouses.

One hundred and seven have been transferred to the sister Asylums of Leavesden, Hampstead and Clapton; and 5 male Patients having escaped from the Asylum were not retaken.

Two hundred and ninety-four Patients have died, 133 of whom were males, and 161 females; leaving on the books of the Asylum last night, 820 men, 1,047 women; total, 1,867.

The highest number resident in the Asylum on any day, was 852 males, 1,049 females; total, 1,901; the lowest number was, males, 809, females, 1,002; total, 1,811.

The average number of Patients resident throughout the year, was 1,842.

The various unions and parishes from which Patients have been received have continued the same as in former years, with the exception of Stepney Union, and St. Mary, Paddington, who have now no Patients resident here. The following table shows the number from each union and parish now resident :—

*TABLE I.—Showing the Number of Patients in the Asylum on the 30th September, 1875, with the Unions or Parishes to which they are chargeable :—*

UNION OR PARISH.	Number of Patients.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
City of London Union	21	17	38
Fulham Union	22	20	42
Greenwich Union	18	25	43
Hackney Union	2	..	2
Holborn Union	139	134	273
Lewisham Union..	2	7	9
Poplar Union	3	1	4
Strand Union	25	51	76
St. George's Union	56	75	131
St. Olave's Union	74	112	186
St. Saviour's Union	95	133	228
Wandsworth and Clapham Union	48	45	93
Westminster Union	33	28	61
Whitechapel Union	5	1	6
Woolwich Union..	25	38	63
St. George's-in-the-East..	1	..	1
St. Giles, Camberwell	44	71	115
St. Giles and St. George, Bloomsbury	24	55	79
St. John, Hampstead	3	1	4
St. Leonard, Shoreditch	3	..	3
St. Luke, Chelsea	31	51	82
St. Mary, Islington	13	6	19
St. Mary Abbots, Kensington	..	1	1
St. Mary, Lambeth	101	157	258
St. Marylebone	11	8	19
St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	3	..	3
St. Pancras	17	10	27
Hamlet of Mile End Old Town..	1	..	1
TOTAL..	820	1,047	1,867

## THE ADMISSIONS.

The admissions of the year have been 486 in number, a slight diminution from those of the previous year, which were 504. Their character has somewhat changed also; in the former year age and debility were the chief characteristics; this year severe forms of organic brain-disease, evidenced by such conditions as advanced general paresis of the insane, epilepsy and other convulsive diseases, chronic chorea, paralysis agitans, &c., take their place, so much so that more than one fourth of the entire population is now found to be the subject of convulsive disease, with its attendant variety of mental symptoms and liability to injury.

During a portion of the year there were few admissions, although there was room in the Asylum for considerable numbers. The cause of this falling off I have not been able altogether to determine; but probably it was in part owing to the aged and sick being more appropriately retained and treated elsewhere. The new order of the Local Government Board has, doubtless, also caused diminution in the number sent, it being necessary, under that order, that a statement of facts indicating mental unsoundness should be given in each case, along with other wholesome restrictions.

A third cause may be that the Capitation Grant allowed to the unions and parishes for the insane in the County Asylums, has not as yet been extended for the insane in the Metropolitan District Asylums.

The next Table, No. 2, shows the mental diseases under which the Patients laboured who were admitted during the year. Few of them presented the faintest hope of complete recovery, although nearly all of them were cases capable of considerable improvement in mental and bodily condition, education, habits of usefulness and cleanliness. Degradation being the tendency of all mental disease, it is to be borne in mind that these, although incurable cases, are saved from going to lower stages of mental unsoundness and habits, by being brought to, and treated, in an Asylum.



TABLE II.—Showing the forms of Mental Disease in the Patients admitted from 1st October, 1874,  
to 30th December, 1875.

Form of Disease.				Males.	Females.	Total.
Mania	..	..	..	3	5	8
”	Chronic	..	..	20	38	58
Melancholia	..	..	..	3	4	7
Dementia	..	..	..	96	59	155
”	Senile	..	..	45	47	92
”	with General Paresis of the Insane	..	..	26	10	36
”	and Epilepsy	..	..	25	22	47
Idiocy	..	..	..	8	2	10
Imbecility (including cases recorded as mental weakness)						
”	and Epilepsy	..	..	32	36	68
”	and Chorea	..	..	2	3	5
Total..	..	..	..	260	226	486

## THE DISCHARGES.

The discharges have, during the year, been 190 in number; of these, 29, viz., 17 men and 12 women, were found to be not fit cases for the Asylum, on account of violent, homicidal, or suicidal propensities, and consequently required removal to the County Asylums. Great inconvenience has been experienced in the retention, and removal of such cases after such propensities had developed themselves, because they, in the first place, have thrown an undue weight upon the Asylum's construction, resources, and limited staff. This condition of things has, however, been remedied by the Local Government Board's new Order, which, in Art. 15, provides that, as soon as the Medical Superintendent shall be of opinion that the Patient has become dangerous to himself or others, he shall cause notice to be given to the Relieving Officer of the Union or Parish to which the Patient is chargeable, and that the Relieving Officer shall thereupon forthwith take the proper steps for the removal of the Patient to the County Asylum.

The practice has hitherto been for the Relieving Officer, in the first place, to take such a Patient to the workhouse in London, and after obtaining the requisite magistrate's order, medical certificate, &c., subsequently to remove the Patient to the County Asylum, thus subjecting dangerous Patients for several days to a want of skilled care or supervision, and consequent liability to accident. The simpler method, which has already been adopted by Relieving Officers in one or or two instances, is to procure the requisite order before leaving Caterham, and thus direct transfer from one Asylum to another could be made.

The recoveries of the year, as anticipated, do not reach the high standard of the previous one, as they only amount to 28 against 61 last year. The cause of this is easily explained, the possibly curable have been mostly sent away recovered, and the cases of those filling their places are so hopeless as not to admit of cure.

Besides those who have recovered, however, some cases, 22 in number, have become improved so much in general health, habits, condition, and ability to be employed usefully, that they have been sent to the care of their friends or to the workhouse.

In December last it was arranged that all children resident in the Asylum, under 16 years of age, should be removed to the Hampstead or Clapton Asylums, as a preliminary measure to their being sent to an Asylum now being built at Darenth for their efficient care, training, and instruction. One hundred and six in all, namely, 69 boys, and 37 girls, were accordingly removed safely and comfortably, a like number of chronic adult cases being received in exchange.

The transfer of 1 patient of the Jewish persuasion to Leavesden was made in accordance with an order that all such should be received there, thus enabling the Rabbi to visit all his Patients in one Asylum.

Five Patients, all of whom would probably have in course of time been discharged as in an improved or recovered state, did not wait for their discharge in the usual way, but having been employed or exercising out of doors, effected their escape, and were not retaken.

### THE DEATHS.

Last winter being an unusually severe one, the frost during the night sometimes extending to seventeen degrees, the mortality was correspondingly large, although the usual means and care were taken throughout the building to maintain a warm and equable temperature, and to this may probably be ascribed the fact that it was not very much higher.

That mortality would be at a high rate under such conditions amongst Patients of the class now resident was to be expected,



for added to the naturally low vitality of brain disease, was superadded, in the majority of cases, that of senility and organic morbid change in various organs.

The total number of deaths, as stated elsewhere, amounted to 294, a mortality of 12·4 per cent. on the total number treated, or of 15·9 on the daily average resident; 133 were men, and 161 women. The mortality of last year was 192, or 10·69 per cent. The daily average number resident in 1874 was, however, 1,796, while in 1875 it was 1,842.

The unusual immunity from accident which the Asylum has enjoyed from its opening in September, 1870, has, unfortunately, not continued during the past year, and 5 cases, full details of which are given below, have been the subjects of inquest by the Coroner. They were also fully inquired into at the time by the Committee, the Local Government Board, and the Commissioners in Lunacy.

*Case 1.*—On the 9th April, G. M., a Male Patient, admitted from Greenwich Union in October, 1870, and who from that time had been employed near the kitchen in preparing vegetables for cooking, slipped his foot on turning to leave the platform on which the boilers were placed at the back of the kitchen, and fell into one of them, which contained boiling water. His cries brought immediate assistance, but on removal he was found so severely scalded, that he died in about 5 hours.

An inquest was held on the 14th of the same month, and a verdict of accidental death returned.

*Case 2.*—On the 18th May, F. D., a Patient chargeable to the St. Marylebone Parish, who was the subject of advanced general paralysis of the insane, fell forward from a form on which he was seated, about a quarter of an hour after he had finished breakfast, and became livid as if in convulsions, to which he was subject. The attendants were near him, and at once attended to him, but as he did not come out of the apparent

fit as usual, the Medical Superintendent was sent for, who immediately attended. He found and removed impacted bread from the upper part of the windpipe, but the Patient shortly afterwards died.

At the inquest held on the 21st May, the following verdict was returned:—Died through Asphyxia, resulting from an impaction of bread food at the top part of the throat, being at the same time affected with Heart Disease and Paralysis—Accidental Death.

*Case 3.*—On the 3rd June, F. W., aged 60, chargeable to the parishes of St. Giles and St. George, Bloomsbury, who had been resident in the Asylum since July, 1871, and who during that time appeared and had the character of being a good-natured, harmless old man, succeeded in partially suspending himself by his braces to a shelf in the lavatory of his ward, about one o'clock in the day. He was seen and taken down, and the Assistant Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent at once attended to him, but life soon after was quite extinct. They endeavoured for half an hour by every available means to restore animation, but failed.

The following verdict was returned, after an inquest on the 7th of the same month:—Deceased committed Suicide by hanging himself when of unsound mind.

*Case 4.*—On the 5th August, M. S., aged 31, chargeable to the parishes of St. Giles and St. George, Bloomsbury, having left the tea-table carrying with her a piece of bread, proceeded to the dormitory to assist in making beds. On arriving at the dormitory landing she suddenly fell back as if in a fit and died. The Assistant Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent at once attended, and found life extinct. At a *post mortem* examination made on the following morning, the upper part of the windpipe was found tightly impacted with bread.

An inquest was held on the 10th August, and a verdict of Accidental Asphyxia from impaction of food in the windpipe returned.

*Case 5.*—On the 7th August, H. H., aged 22, admitted from Wandsworth and Clapham Union in September, 1872, and who was the subject of Epileptic Fits, was seized with one at 10 p.m., during which she turned over on her face and died. This Patient was known to be prone to severe Epileptic Fits in the night, and special precautions were accordingly taken with regard to her. She slept in an associated dormitory, where a night nurse continuously watched. She was surrounded by Patients of the sensible class, who were always ready to render her assistance when required, or to call the nurse. Some of these saw, heard, and watched her in the fit in which she died, and so little noise or struggling did she make, that they thought she had turned quietly round and gone to sleep.

An inquest was held on the 10th August, and a verdict of natural death of suffocation upon an Epileptic Fit returned.

Except those above reported, the deaths have all been from ordinary causes, and an analysis of them shows, as stated in

*TABLE III, that Death has been due to—*

Cerebral Disease in .. ..	140 Cases.
Cardiac .. ..	4 „
Pulmonary .. ..	53 „
Abdominal .. ..	9 „
Tegumentary .. ..	2 „
Cerebral and Pulmonary combined ..	0 „
Gangrenous .. ..	5 „
Cerebral and Abdominal combined ..	1 „
Senile Decay .. ..	68 „
Osseous Disease .. ..	2 „
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Total	294

The following Table shows the cause of death in detail :—





TABLE IV. (continued).—Showing the Causes of Death, from the 1st October, 1874, to the 30th September, 1875.

CAUSE OF DEATH.				MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTALS.
			Brought forward	95	112	207
Phthisis with Epilepsy and Diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	1	1
Paralysis with Apoplexy	..	..	..	4	4	8
" " Pulmonary Congestion	..	..	..	..	1	1
" " Dementia and Exhaustion	..	..	..	3	3	6
" " Carbuncle	..	..	..	1	..	1
Epilepsy with Exhaustion	..	..	..	13	7	20
" " Phthisis	..	..	..	1	..	1
" " Bronchitis	..	..	..	1	..	1
" " " "	..	..	..	1	..	1
Marasmus	..	..	..	..	1	1
Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pleurisy	..	..	..	1	..	1
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	2	2
Erysipelas and Exhaustion	..	..	..	..	4	4
Renal Disease with Coma	..	..	..	..	1	1
" " Ascites	..	..	..	1	2	3
Chronic Mania	..	..	..	..	3	3
" " Exhaustion	..	..	..	..	1	1
" " Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	4	4
Chronic Bronchitis with Emphysema	..	..	..	2	..	2
" " Exhaustion	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carried forward				123	148	271

TABLE IV. (continued).—Showing the Causes of Death, from the 1st October, 1874, to the 30th September, 1875.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTALS.
Brought forward	..	123	148	271
Chronic Bronchitis with Morb: Cord:	..	1	..	1
Cerebral Disease with Exhaustion	..	..	1	1
Gangren, Senil	..	3	1	4
Mitral Disease with Pulmonary Congestion	..	..	1	1
Broncho-pneumonia	..	1	1	2
Broncho-pleuro-pneumonia	..	..	1	1
Nephritis	..	..	1	1
Dementia with Exhaustion	..	..	1	1
Bronchitis	..	..	1	1
Caries with Erysipelas	..	..	1	1
Renal Disease with Anasarca and Coma	..	1	..	1
Bronchitis with Exhaustion	..	..	2	2
Accidental Scalding, Inquest..	..	1	..	1
Asphyxia, Inquest	..	1	1	2
Suicide by Strangulation, Inquest	..	1	..	1
Epileptic Fit, Suffocation, Inquest	..	..	1	1
Caries	..	1	..	1
TOTAL	..	133	161	294



The following Table, No. V, is an instructive one, as it shows the ages of all the Patients admitted during the year; also the ages of those who have been discharged or have died. Of those admitted, the extremes of age were reached, 5 being under 10 years, and 7 between 80 and 90. The largest proportion of recoveries occurred between the twentieth and the fortieth years, while the greatest number of deaths occurred between the fiftieth and ninetieth years.

*TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Patients admitted, discharged, and who have died from 1st October, 1874, to the 30th September, 1875.*

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.				Deaths.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.		Other Causes.		Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Under 5 years	1	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
From 5 to 10 years	2	1	3	2	..	2	22	..	..	..
" 10 " 15	3	1	4	1	1	2	36	1	8	4
" 15 " 20	25	19	44	1	..	1	16	20	20	30
" 20 " 30	42	25	67	..	3	7	18	8	10	12
" 30 " 40	42	38	80	4	4	8	3	4	15	22
" 40 " 50	41	40	81	4	..	4	3	6	26	44
" 50 " 60	30	42	73	..	..	..	1	3	20	40
" 60 " 70	40	29	69	2	1	3	5	4	33	50
" 70 " 80	3	23	26	1	..	1	..	1	39	76
" 80 " 90	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	26	13	39
" 90 upwards	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	5	2	7
	230	226	456	19	9	28	107	133	161	294

The next Table, No. VI, shows that the greatest number of recoveries take place within nine months after admission, and although some are recorded after four or five years' residence, the probability of cure very much diminishes after the first year. The inference to be drawn from this fact is, that the treatment of mental disease, to be successful, must be begun early. Many cases become incurable by too long retention in private houses without skilled attention, or in workhouses.



*TABLE VI.—Showing the length of residence of Patients discharged recovered, and of those who have died between the 1st October, 1874, and the 30th September, 1875.*

Length of Residence.			Discharged Recovered.			Died.		
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	..	..	..	..	..	8	7	15
From 1 to 3 months	..	..	2	2	4	18	19	37
" 3 " 6	..	..	3	1	4	23	14	37
" 6 " 9	..	..	4	3	7	8	10	18
" 9 " 12	..	..	1	..	1	15	11	26
" 12 " 18	..	..	..	1	1	7	15	22
" 18 " 24	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	12
" 24 " 30	..	..	1	..	1	2	4	6
" 30 " 36	..	..	1	..	1	7	12	19
" 36 " 42	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	12
" 42 " 48	..	..	1	..	1	18	34	52
" 48 " 54	..	..	..	1	1	12	20	32
" 54 " 60	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	6
TOTAL	..	..	13	8	21	133	161	294

Table No. 7, which follows, gives in a condensed form the figures stated in the foregoing pages :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Patients in the Asylum on the 1st Oct., 1874						
Admitted since	..	..	..	819	1,046	1,865
Re-admitted	..	..	..	260	226	486
	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total under treatment	..	..	..	1,079	1,272	2,351
Discharged—Not fit cases	17	12	29			
Recovered ..	19	9	28			
Improved, to care of friends	3	2	5			
By Order of Board of Guardians	12	4	16			
Transferred to Hampstead	68	36	104			
" " Clapton	1	1	2			
" " Leavesden	1	..	1			
Escaped and were not brought back	5	..	5			
Died	126	64	190			
	133	161	294	259	225	484
Number resident in Asylum, 30th September, 1875	..	..	..	820	1,047	1,867
Average number resident	..	..	..	..	..	..

## OCCUPATION.

The beneficial results accruing to the Patients from occupation of various kinds, have from the commencement of the institution been fully appreciated, and much active exertion has accordingly been displayed by the staff and attendants in endeavouring to rouse the listless and apathetic to exertion, and in directing hands previously unskilled into habits of work. The results are encouraging, for although many have been tried and found wanting, sometimes from mental, sometimes from physical inability, or it may be want of will, indifference, or inaptitude, still, a goodly proportion remain who are able day by day to reap all the rewards of an active day's employment.

The classes in the Metropolis from which the Patients sent to the Metropolitan Asylums are derived, are not adapted for out-door work, or such as are met with in the out counties where the population contributing to the asylums is largely agricultural. Hence, few are able to engage in such work on arrival. A considerable number have, however, by dint of perseverance of those in charge of them, been able very usefully to be so employed, as will be seen in the list given in the following copy of the Summary of Day Reports.

The total number selected by the medical officers as capable of employment on the male side is 400, or nearly one-half, the number of male Patients being 819; out of this 400, 109 are engaged in cleaning the various wards, dormitories, rooms, corridors, &c., of the male side under their respective attendants; 84 are employed on the farm and grounds; 26 in the upholsterer's shop; the remainder, except some who have broken off, are occupied as detailed below, in trades and in domestic duties.

On the female side, 415 Patients, out of a total of 1,047, are employed, their work being mostly domestic, and of the needle; several are employed with the workmistress in a room set apart for the purpose, while a large number do needlework in the wards. The example thus set there to the listless, idle, and apathetic, being beneficial. The stronger Patients, to the number of 72, go daily to do the washing of the establishment in the laundry.



CATERHAM ASYLUM.

SUMMARY OF ONE DAY'S REPORTS.

To the Medical Superintendent,  
Male Side.

(TABLE VIII.)

September 30th, 1875.

Block.	No. of Patients.	At Chapel.		No. Employed.	Sick and taking Medicine.	Wet and Dirty.		Admitted.	Discharged.	Dead.	Breakfast Time.	Time of Dinner, and what issued.	Tea Time.
		A.M.	P.M.			6 A.M. to 8 P.M.	8 P.M. to 6 A.M.						
A 1.	31	..	..	8	12	6	14	..	..	..	A.M. 8.30	1 P.M. { Fish Mince, Sago Pudding, Potatoes, Bread, Beer.	P.M. } 5.30
A 2.	31	..	..	6	10	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
A 3.	31	..	..	6	14	16	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
B.	153	21	..	81	2	4	7	1	1	..	..	{ Fish Mince, Potatoes, Bread, Beer.	..
C...	159	10	..	57	3	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
D...	157	15	..	56	2	4	5	..	..	1	..	..	..
E 1.	53	..	..	10	29	9	12	1	..	..	..	..	..
E 2.	52	..	..	8	9	4	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
E 3.	53	..	..	7	12	8	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
R. H.	48	9	..	37	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Detachd. } Block }	51	..	..	50	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	819	55	..	326	98	55	94	2	1	1	..	..	..

Departments where Patients are Employed.	Nos. Employed.	Block.	Special Incidents during the Day.
Blocks	109	..	Tailor Attendant employed with Male Patients.
Centre and Hall	6	..	learning Tailoring in D Ward.
Coaling	5	..	"
Stores..	5	..	Two Gardener Attendants employed with Patients in Airing Court.
Kitchen	16	..	No. 1,714.—One Patient admitted from Bloomsbury.
Bakehouse	6	..	" 1,715.—One " admitted from St. George's.
Mess Room	2	..	" 828.—One " discharged, care of R. O., to Bloomsbury Workhouse.
Tailor's Shop	7	..	" 155.—One " died, Strand Union.
Shoemaker's Shop	9	..	Patients at Cricket with Attendants in the afternoon.
Upholsterer's Shop	26	..	
Painter's Shop	9	..	
Grounds	84	..	
Laundry	10	..	
Gashouse	2	..	<i>The Night Attendants are—</i>
Enginehouse	2	..	1st Division, Porter.
Attending to Earth Closets	11	..	2nd " Norden.
With Tailor Attendant	11	..	3rd " Hardaway.
Engineer Office	1	..	
Distribution, Lunches	4	..	
Fireman	1	..	Report, all well at 9.30.
Total	326	..	
Left in Wards	74	..	
Capable of Employment	400	..	

# CATERHAM ASYLUM.

## SUMMARY OF ONE DAY'S REPORTS.

To the Medical Superintendent,  
Female Side.

(TABLE IX.)

September 30th, 1875.

Block.	No. of Patients.	At Chapel.		Nos. Employed.	Sick and taking Medicine.	Wet and Dirty.		Admitted.	Discharged.	Dead.	Breakfast Time.	Dinner Time.	Tea Time.	Work Finished.	Time of Matron's Visits.
		A.M.	P.M.			6 A.M. to 8 P.M.	8 P.M. to 6 A.M.								
A 1.	31	..		23	26	39	5	..	..	..	8.15	1	5.15	11	..
A 2.	31	..		..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..		"	11	..
A 3.	32	..		..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..		"	11	..
B.	160	18		75	4	30	9	1	..	..	..		"	11.30	..
C.	159	20		66	1	21	6	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
D 1.	160	..		50	54	62	7	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
D 2.	..	..		..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
D 3.	..	..		..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
E	160	20		63	4	30	6	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
F 1.	160	..		26	40	90	12	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
F 2.	..	..		..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
F 3.	..	..		..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
G.	154	..		112	4	15	7	..	..	..	..		"	12	..
TOTALS	1,047	58	..	415	133	287	98	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..



Departments where Patients are Employed.	Nos. Employed.	Block.	Special Incidents during the day.
Laundry ..	72	..	No. 1,764. One Patient admitted from St. George's Union.
Work Room ..	..	..	
Helpers in Blocks ..	185	..	
Needlework ..	138	..	
Centre ..	7	..	Twelve Patients sleeping in single room during the night.
Mess Room ..	4	..	
Kitchen ..	3	..	
Medical Superintendent's Residence	..	..	
Chaplain's Residence ..	2	..	<i>Night Attendants :—</i> <div> <div>1 Division } Christian.</div> <div>2       "       } Wigg.</div> <div>3       "       } Myers.</div> <div>4       "       }</div> </div>
Steward's House ..	1	..	
Matron's       " ..	1	..	
Engineer's     " ..	2	..	
TOTAL ..	415	..	Report at 9.30. p.m., all well.

*TABLE X.—Showing the Station in Life or Occupation of the Male Patients admitted from the 1st Oct., 1874, to the 30th Sept., 1875.*

Occupation.	No.	Occupation.	No.
Engine Driver .. ..	2	Baker .. ..	4
Labourer .. ..	49	Cabinet Maker .. ..	1
Waiter .. ..	1	Confectioner .. ..	1
Messenger .. ..	13	Bricklayer .. ..	1
Painter .. ..	5	Groom .. ..	1
Tailor .. ..	6	Slipper Maker .. ..	1
Sailor .. ..	3	Carman .. ..	2
Potman .. ..	1	Cutter up at cook shop ..	1
Salesman .. ..	1	Comedian .. ..	1
Cheesemonger .. ..	1	Brass Finisher .. ..	1
Pork Butcher .. ..	1	Draper's Assistant .. ..	1
Plasterer .. ..	1	Pensioner .. ..	1
Engraver .. ..	2	Fishmonger's Porter ..	1
Cooper .. ..	3	Waiter .. ..	2
Printer .. ..	1	Sawyer .. ..	1
Sweep .. ..	1	Type-founder .. ..	1
Carman .. ..	2	Ex-Policeman .. ..	1
Jeweller .. ..	3	Gardener .. ..	2
Carpenter .. ..	5	Tanner .. ..	1
Excavator .. ..	1	Lighterman .. ..	1
Shoemaker .. ..	14	Shoebblack .. ..	1
Carpet Planner .. ..	1	Ostler .. ..	2
Watchmaker .. ..	1	Horse Trainer .. ..	1
Warehouseman .. ..	2	Writer .. ..	1
Costermonger .. ..	1	Cattle Salesman .. ..	1
Shopman .. ..	1	Hawker .. ..	2
Gatekeeper .. ..	2	Ivory Turner .. ..	1
Stationer and Draper ..	1	Butler .. ..	1
Couch-spring Maker ..	1	Skin Dresser .. ..	1
Jewel Polisher .. ..	1	Card-maker .. ..	1
Furrier .. ..	1	Glass and China Mender ..	1
Clerk .. ..	4	Stone Cutter .. ..	1
Smith .. ..	1	Bill Poster .. ..	1
Coachman .. ..	2	Licensed Victualler .. ..	1
Wheel-turner .. ..	1	Toy-maker .. ..	1
Pianoforte Maker .. ..	2	Brush-maker .. ..	1
Cabman .. ..	4	Compositor .. ..	1
Organ-builder .. ..	1	Hatter .. ..	1
Ironmonger .. ..	2	Pocket-book Maker .. ..	1
Lithographer .. ..	1	Paperhanger .. ..	1
Servant .. ..	1	Tinman .. ..	1
Bookbinder .. ..	1	None .. ..	60
Blacksmith .. ..	2		
Rigger .. ..	1	Total .. ..	260

*TABLE XI.—Showing the Station in Life or occupation of the Female Patients admitted from the 1st October, 1874, to the 30th September, 1875.*

Occupation.	No.	Occupation.	No.
Scholar .. ..	1	Silver-burnisher .. ..	1
Needlewoman .. ..	16	Hawker .. ..	8
Boot Closer .. ..	1	Tailoress .. ..	2
Pew-opener .. ..	1	Shopkeeper .. ..	1
Cook .. ..	4	Bonnet Maker .. ..	1
Laundress .. ..	8	Actress .. ..	1
Servant .. ..	32	Flower-maker .. ..	1
Washerwoman .. ..	9	Housekeeper .. ..	1
Staymaker .. ..	1	Furrier .. ..	1
Charwoman .. ..	14	None .. ..	112
Bracemaker .. ..	1		
Dressmaker .. ..	2		
Seamstress .. ..	7		
		Total ..	226

## AMUSEMENTS

Have been very varied throughout the year ; the fine weather of the summer admitting of out-door amusement, advantage has been fully taken of it. On Easter and Whit Monday, athletic sports were held, on the first of these days in the large open space of Caterham Park ; on the second, in the cricket-ground of the Asylum. The events on the programme were keenly contested and enjoyed by the partakers and onlookers. During these sports the Asylum Band played, and afterwards prizes were distributed. There have been walking parties into the surrounding country on two days a-week, which were taken advantage of by both male and female Patients capable of the exertion.

Cricket has been daily played, and frequent friendly matches have taken place. On two occasions pic-nic parties proceeded to White Hill, and their enjoyment was enhanced by the presence amongst them of the Assistant Medical and other Officers. During the colder months, the men have as usual played football.



Twice a-week the Asylum Band has played in the open air Selections, operatic, and dance music, much to the enlivenment of all, and the relief of Asylum monotony.

The indoor amusements consisted of the weekly dance played for by the Asylum Band, a Christy Minstrel troupe of the attendants, and the "Caterham Snowflakes" have performed and given concerts on several occasions. The "Fern Cottage Minstrels," from London, gave a very excellent entertainment in November last. There have been frequent theatrical representations, which have been very successful; partly owing to the active exertions of Mr. Seccombe, the Assistant Medical Officer of the female side.

The Attendants' Annual Ball took place on the 7th January, and passed off successfully. Recently a large sized bagatelle-table has been added to each ward.

Several entertainments are in preparation for the winter months, amongst which concerts, theatricals, and dancing, will take a prominent place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks give their theatrical representation on the 22nd inst., and the Asylum Dramatic and Concert Companies are in busy rehearsal and practice to enable them to keep up a succession of amusements. The new decoration of the front of the stage, and arrangement of new scenery, &c., will this winter aid much, it is hoped, by display, the various pieces represented.

## GENERAL HISTORY.

Under the various heads in the preceding Report, most matters of interest in the history of the Asylum during the past year have been touched upon; there remain, therefore, only a few remarks to be further made.

There have been a few changes in the Staff, and also amongst the Attendants. In the beginning of the year Mr. Younger resigned his appointment of Assistant Medical Officer, and was succeeded by Mr. Seccombe, who had previously acted as *locum tenens*. A further addition was made to the Medical Staff in July by the appointment of Mr. Harrison as Assistant Medical Officer to the male side, Mr. Seccombe choosing to act on the female side. By this arrangement it is hoped the Asylum Records and Case Books will be fully kept on each side, while a large field of pathological research may be taken advantage of, studied, and duly recorded.

In the beginning of the year a Male Attendant, named Claringbold, who had been for some time suffering from phthisis, died in the Asylum, he having become so much prostrated suddenly as not to admit of his removal.

Within the year there have been two visits by the Commissioners in Lunacy, the favourable Reports of whom have been printed in another place. The President of the Local Government Board also visited in December last, and the Local Government Board Inspectors have frequently visited. Numerous visits have also been received from the Guardians of the Poor of the various Metropolitan Unions, who have invariably left favourable reports in the Visitors' Book.

There being a growing tendency in the various counties to make provision for the chronic Insane in a less expensive form than obtains in the existing County Asylums, this Asylum has been visited by numerous Committees and Superintendents from all parts of the country, who desire to know the result of our experience, as well as the existing arrangements for the care of the inmates. As the impression seems generally favourable, we may expect similar provision to be made in other places.

The system of tell-tale clocks having now been in operation for some time, a fair opinion of its merits can be formed. There are several objections to it, for the unfaithful night attendant is

able, by a shock, to stop the action of the clock at any time, or when more than one attendant performs duty the clock may change hands; but on the whole, experience is in favour of its continuance; it at least shows that a visit has been paid at a definite period; and the condition of the Patients in the morning indicates whether the work of the attendant has been duly performed.

The number of visitors taking advantage of the cheap railway ticket to the Asylum for the purpose of visiting their friends, yearly increases, the various holidays giving them the opportunity of coming in large numbers. On the last bank holiday the names of 550 visitors were recorded at the gate. The accommodation on such days for visiting is ample on the male side, on the female side increased space is much wanted.

I am glad to be able to report again that I have not found it necessary to use seclusion or mechanical restraint in any case.

The Asylum has also been free from epidemic or zymotic disease during the year. The Patients have all been medically visited at least twice a-day, but the number of those sick, in bed, or who require special medical attention, vary much in numbers day by day. Yesterday the Reports showed about 100 on the male side and 130 on the female.

The proportion of cases requiring special care from their habits continues large, the number reported on the male side being 149 out of 819 Patients, or about one-fifth; the numbers on the female side are 385 out of 1,047, or about one-third.

There have been several slight casualties on both sides of the Asylum, the female side showing the larger number. These are not always to be avoided, but can be very much modified and reduced in number by the constant care, presence, and attention of the attendants in charge.



The number of Patients now resident of destructive and other habits inimical to their clothing, and requiring its frequent renewal, is large, but the necessity of keeping them at all times tidy is constantly impressed upon the attendants. The addition during the past year of Sunday and warm winter suits for the men has contributed much to their comfort, whilst a liberal supply of shawls and warm dresses has to that of the women.

The addition of day space to the Infirmaries on both sides now approaching completion is a very desirable one, and will much add to the comfort of the sick and facilitate the general ward arrangements.

Hitherto, bathing and the after dressing of the Patients has been carried on under much difficulty, from the large numbers to be bathed, and the small size of the baths and dressing-rooms. This will be soon remedied by the ample size of those now in course of construction.

That the new fresh-water tank will do good service in the future has been recently instructively proved, by the large quantity of the various heavy rainfalls lost during the past rainy season, the fall in July last alone having amounted to nearly six inches.

It is with much pleasure that I allude to the conduct of your staff of officers, attendants, and nurses, during the past year; their arduous service has been cheerfully and ungrudgingly given, to the great benefit of the Patients, while my own labours have been much lightened by their, in general, hearty co-operation and assistance.

To the Assistant Medical Officers on each side, my thanks are specially due, for the energetic, zealous, and able manner in which they daily assist me by their medical work, and do what in them lies for the benefit as well as the recreation and amusement of the Patients.

Of my own wish for the continued welfare and happiness of those of whom you have placed me in charge, as well as the general well-being of the Institution, I need not give renewed expression. I would rather show its effects by results than speak of them; and I hope these may be such as shall retain for me that which most lightens labour—your confidence and esteem.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JAMES ADAM, M.D.,

*Medical Superintendent.*

Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the month of February, 1875.  
 Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.	Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Wind.		Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain-fall in previous 24 Hours.		General Remarks.
						Direction.	Force.	Dr. Moffat.	Dr. Schönbein.	Maximum in Air.	Minimum in Air.	On the Ground.	Snow fell on.	
Mon.	1	29.76	58	38	38	S.W.	1	1½	...	47	28	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Hoar Frost.
Tues.	2	29.65	48½	40	39½	S.W.	1	0	...	43	31	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Hoar Frost.
Wed.	3	29.30	46	38	38	W. ½ N.	1	0	...	44	33	0	...	Grey Morning.
Th.	4	29.41	46½	34½	34	W. ½ N.	1	0	...	39	25	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Hoar Frost.
Fri.	5	29.70	44½	34	35	N.	1	0	...	34	28	0	...	Slight Fog. Grey.
Sat.	6	29.70	46	38½	36	N. ½ W.	1	0	...	44	25	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Blue Sky.
Sun.	7	29.50	46	35	37	S. by E.	1½	3	...	40	33	.17	...	Overcast. Rain.
Mon.	8	29.60	44	30	30	S.E.	2	6	...	34	23	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Blue Sky.
Tues.	9	29.30	41	32	33	S.E.	1	3	...	30	23	0	...	Grey.
Wed.	10	29.55	42	31	32	E.S.E.	1	1	...	30	27	0	...	Overcast. Small Snow.
Th.	11	29.55	42½	31	33	E.S.E.	1	0	...	30	26	0	11th	Small Snow.
Fri.	12	29.39	44½	43	44½	S.W.	1	5	...	42	28	.22	...	Mist. Rain.
Sat.	13	29.48	46½	39	40	S.W.	1	0	...	42	35	.2	...	Small Rain.
Sun.	14	22.40	50	46	47	S.W.	1	0	...	44	38	.5	...	Mist. Rain.
Mon.	15	29.65	49	44	43	N.N.W.	1	0	...	45	33	.3½	...	Slight Mist. Sunshine. Rain.
Tues.	16	29.88	48½	42	40	N.W.	3	0	...	43	29	.½	...	Rain. Mist. Sunshine. Cloud.
Wed.	17	29.60	49	39	38	N.E.	3	2	...	41	32	.3	...	Rain. Sunshine. Cloud.
Th.	18	29.60	47½	34	34	N.E.	3	5	...	37	29	.3	18th	Rain. Sunshine & Cloud. Small Snow.
Fri.	19	29.51	45	29	30	N.E.	1	8	...	32	25	...	19th	Small Snow.
Sat.	20	29.40	44	30	33	N.E.	1	8	...	31	25	0	20th	Snow. Frosty.
Sun.	21	29.50	44	32	32	N.E.	3	8	...	33	26	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Very Cold.
Mon.	22	29.50	43	32	34	E.	2	8	...	31	24	...	...	Bright Sunshine.
Tues.	23	29.20	43	28	30	E.S.E.	2	6	...	39	23	...	...	Bright Sunshine.
Wed.	24	28.71	42	25	28	S.E.	2	4	...	32	19	...	24th	Heavy fall of Snow began at 9 a.m.
Th.	25	28.82	43	36	36	S.E.	2	4	...	41	28	...	25th	Bright Morning. Heavy fall of Snow.
Fri.	26	28.91	45½	39	38	E.	3	9	...	37	33	...	...	Overcast.
Sat.	27	29.00	43½	30	31½	E.	4	10	...	34	28	...	...	Rain, with melted Snow. Overcast.
Sun.	28	29.12	43½	28	30	N.E.	3	8	...	30	27	...	...	Overcast.



*Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the Month of March, 1875.*  
*Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.*

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.	Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Wind.		Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain-fall in previous 24 Hours.		Snow fell on.	Remarks.
						Direction.	Force.	Dr. Moffat.	Dr. Schönbein.	Maximum in Air.	Minimum in Air.	On the Ground.	Off the Ground.		
							0-6	Amount of Cloud.							
Mon.	1	29.00	41½	27	30	N.E.	4	3	7	30	26	...	...	1st	Overcast. Snow all day. High Wind.
Tues.	2	29.15	41½	28	31	N.E.	2	2	8	30	25	...	...	2nd	{ Snow continues. Drifted. Squally during night.
Wed.	3	29.20	41½	31½	33½	N.E.	3	3	10	31	28	...	...	...	Overcast.
Th.	4	29.38	42	33½	39	E.	2	2	7	34	26	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Sunshine.
Fri.	5	29.39	44½	37½	37½	E. by N.	1	0	5	55	28	...	...	...	Very fine. Sunshine. Bright.
Sat.	6	29.18	45½	38	40	S. by E.	1	0	5	51	33	...	...	...	Heavy Rain. Overcast.
Sun.	7	29.31	49	48	49	S.W.	3	3	4	50	36	...	...	...	Sunshine. Rain.
Mon.	8	29.49	51½	50	50	S.W.	3	2	4	48	45	...	...	...	Sunshine. Detached Clouds.
Tues.	9	29.40	54	50	47	N.W.	4	2	1	54	44	...	...	...	Sunshine. Bright.
Wed.	10	29.81	51½	49	39½	N.E.	1	1	0	58	30	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Detached Clouds.
Th.	11	29.61	47½	39	36	E. by S.	5	2	8	62	31	...	...	...	Overcast. Small Snow.
Fri.	12	29.34	46½	34	33½	E.	3	3	9	37	32	...	...	...	Sunshine and Cloudy.
Sat.	13	29.31	46	36	36	E.	2	4	6	43	33	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Detached Clouds.
Sun.	14	29.45	47½	39	39½	E. by N.	3	2	7	42	27	...	...	...	Mist. Blue Sky.
Mon.	15	29.52	45½	34	35	N.E.	1	2	5	47	27	...	...	...	Overcast.
Tues.	16	29.60	45	33	34	N.N.E.	1	2	0	42	31	...	...	...	Snow.
Wed.	17	29.68	45	33	33½	N.E.	2	3	0	45	26	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Sunshine.
Th.	18	29.94	45½	34	34	E.N.E.	3	0	8	46	27	...	...	...	Overcast. Rain. Blue Sky.
Fri.	19	29.51	46	40	40½	N.E.	1	3	0	42	26	...	...	...	Grey.
Sat.	20	29.50	46	35	33	N.E.	1	2	0	44	29	...	...	...	Sunshine. Detached Clouds.
Sun.	21	29.51	44	38	35	N.N.E.	2	2	1	46	29	...	...	...	Rain and Sunshine.
Mon.	22	29.47	47	46½	45	N.	1	3	0	47	27	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Detached Clouds.
Tues.	23	29.70	47½	36½	34½	N.E.	2	2	4	48	29	...	...	...	Grey.
Wed.	24	29.78	45½	41	39	N.E.	2	1	1	57	37	...	...	...	Blue Sky. Sunshine.
Th.	25	29.80	53½	54	49	N.N.W.	2	1	0	61	35	...	...	...	Detached Clouds.
Fri.	26	29.69	52	50	46	W. ½ S.	2	3	1	61	37	...	...	...	Sunshine. Detached Clouds.
Sat.	27	29.50	52	50	45	N.W.	3	1	1	60	31	...	...	...	Blue Sky.
Sun.	28	29.60	49½	49	35	N.N.E.	3	4	4	48	33	...	...	...	Sunshine.
Mon.	29	29.88	49½	48	45	N. by E.	2	3	1	51	38	...	...	...	Detached Clouds.
Tues.	30	29.90	50	46½	45	N.W.	1	4	0	52	41	...	...	...	Sunshine.
Wed.	31	29.95	52½	48	45	S.	1	2	0	52	41	...	...	...	Sunshine.

Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the Month of April, 1875.  
 Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.		At 10 am., Local Time, Reading of			Wind.		Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain fallen in previous 24 Hours.		Remarks.
				Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Direction.	Force.	Amount of Cloud.				On Ground.	Feet above Ground.	
Th.	1	29.95		51½	48	43	N.E.	2	3	3	55	41	0	...	Overcast.
Fri.	2	29.88		51	49	45	N. ½ E.	1	2	2	50	38	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Sat.	3	29.50		50½	46	44	W. by N.	2	3	3	60	33	0	...	Overcast.
Sun.	4	29.12		52½	54	49	W. by N.	1	4	2	53	41	.8	...	Bright Sunshine. Rain.
Mon.	5	28.76		54	47	46	S.W.	4	5	5	69	40	0	...	Blue Sky. Detached Clouds. Cold.
Tues.	6	28.90		54	54	48	S.W.	2	3	3	62	37	0	...	Showers. Bright Sunshine. Cold.
Wed.	7	28.80		48½	45	43½	S.W.	4	4	4	60	35	.20	...	Alternate Sunshine and Clouds. Cold.
Th.	8	29.00		53	46	43	E.	1	1	1	64	34	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Fri.	9	29.30		50½	37	39	N.E.	1	5	5	64	35	.20	...	} Wet.
Sat.	10	29.50		50	39	41	E.N.E.	2	4	4	41	39	.20	...	Overcast. Sunshine.
Sun.	11	29.50		50	41	42	E.N.E.	1	4	4	43	38	0	...	Fog.
Mon.	12	29.60		58	38	39	E.N.E.	1	5	5	50	35	0	...	Sunshine. Detached Clouds.
Tues.	13	29.64		48	41	38	E. by N.	1	7	7	41	38	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Wed.	14	29.72		52	47	42	E.	1	2	2	64	26	0	...	Hazy. Sunshine.
Th.	15	29.80		50½	43	42	E.	1	1	1	69	35	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Fri.	16	29.78		50½	45	43	E. by S.	1	2	2	62	37	0	...	" "
Sat.	17	29.68		54½	53	47	E. by S.	1	1	1	70	33	0	...	" "
Sun.	18	29.55		57	54	46½	E. by S.	1	0	0	73	35	0	...	" "
Mon.	19	29.60		60	66	53	E. by S.	1	4	4	87	44	0	...	" "
Tues.	20	29.61		64½	64	53	E.S.E.	1	0	0	87	46	0	...	" "
Wed.	21	29.35		62	64	53	N.E.	1	4	4	89	49	.20	...	{ Blue Sky. Detached Clouds. Cirro Cumulus. Rain.
Th.	22	29.30		56	34	36	E.	3	6	6	81	36	.20	...	Rain. Clouds, nimbus.
Fri.	23	29.41		53	45	41	E.	2	2	2	53	34	0	...	Blue Sky. Cumulus.
Sat.	24	29.62		49	44½	39½	E.	1	2	2	62	32	0	...	" "
Sun.	25	29.71		53½	50½	43½	E. ½ S.	1	0	0	65	31	0	...	Sunshine.
Mon.	26	29.62		54	53	45	E.	1	1	1	70	31	0	...	Clouds, cirrus.
Tues.	27	29.50		59½	61½	55	S.S.W.	1	1	1	73	44	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Wed.	28	29.62		60	66½	57½	S.W.	1	1	1	80	45	0	...	" "
Th.	29	29.60		58½	62	53	N.W.	2	2	2	73	43	0	...	Clouds cumulus.
Fri.	30	29.52		59	64½	55	N.W.	1	2	2	83	44	0	...	" "



Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the month of May, 1875.  
Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.	At 10 a.m., Local Time, Reading of			Wind.		Amount of Cloud.	Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain fallen in previous 24 Hours.	Remarks.		
			Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Direction.	Force.		Dr. Moffat.	Dr. Schönbein.	Maximum in Air.	Minimum in Air.			On the Ground.	Feet above Ground.
Sat.	1	29.38	58	53	53	S.E.	2	6	4	...	83	44	.4½	...	Wet. Trees begin to look green.	
Sun.	2	29.40	56	49	49	N.W.	1	4	1	...	55	47	0	...	Blue Sky. Cloudy.	
Mon.	3	29.40	62	64	51	W.	1	0	0	...	82	41	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Tues.	4	29.48	60½	61	54	W. by S.	1	2	3	...	82	43	.30	...	" " "	
Wed.	5	29.48	67½	61	58	W. by S.	1	1	1	...	89	47	0	...	" " Sunshine.	
Th.	6	29.29	60½	61	57	S.W.	2	3	4	...	82	49	0	...	Showers. Wet.	
Fri.	7	29.08	59	49½	49½	S.W.	3	8	7	...	74	45	.37	...	Wet. Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Sat.	8	29.10	60	50	50	S.W.	3	6	2	...	70	46	.13	...	Wet. Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Sun.	9	29.36	58½	61	55	S.W.	2	2	2	...	74	46	0	...	" " "	
Mon.	10	29.58	61	64	57	N.W.	2	2	2	...	76	46	0	...	" " "	
Tues.	11	29.82	59	64	55	N.W.	1	1	1	...	72	48	0	...	Cirrus. Cirro Cumulus.	
Wed.	12	29.81	62½	71	59	N.W.	1	1	1	...	74	46	0	...	Cumulus. Bright.	
Th.	13	29.78	60½	73	63	N.W.	1	2	0	...	85	50	0	...	" " "	
Fri.	14	29.72	66½	68	66	N.W.	1	1	0	...	86	52	0	...	" " "	
Sat.	15	29.65	69½	76	66	N.W.	2	1	2	...	87	55	0	...	" " "	
Sun.	16	22.69	65	60½	57	N.E.	2	1	6	...	93	45	0	...	" " "	
Mon.	17	29.51	60½	58	49½	E. by S.	3	1	7	...	76	43	0	...	Cirrus. Cumulo stratus. Showers.	
Tues.	18	29.08	62½	72	67	S.E.	1	2	6	...	79	42	0	...	Cumulus. Showers.	
Wed.	19	29.10	57½	62	53	N.W.	2	3	4	...	72	40	0	...	" " "	
Th.	20	29.21	57	53	49	S.W.	4	6	1	...	60	40	0	...	Nimbus. Rain. Sunshine. Cumulus. Showers.	
Fri.	21	29.21	61	63	57½	S.S.W.	2	3	3	...	72	48	.39	...	" " "	
Sat.	22	29.32	59½	58	54	S.W.	3	5	0	...	78	49	0	...	" " "	
Sun.	23	29.60	60	65½	55	W.S.W.	3	2	5	...	69	45	0	...	" " "	
Mon.	24	29.89	61½	68	59	W.S.W.	1	1	1	...	79	45	0	...	Cirro Cumulus.	
Tues.	25	29.79	62	66	60	N.W.	1	2	1	...	79	46	0	...	" " "	
Wed.	26	29.70	61	56	49	N.N.W.	2	2	3	...	78	45	0	...	Bright. " "	
Th.	27	29.70	58½	51	46	N.N.E.	2	3	4	...	72	41	0	...	Nimbus. Rain.	
Fri.	28	29.39	58	61	57	N.W.	1	5	3	...	74	46	.7	...	" " "	
Sat.	29	29.28	57½	48	48	N.N.E.	2	4	4	...	74	46	.7	...	Dull Mist. Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Sun.	30	29.35	57	52	46	N.E.	2	1	5	...	74	42	.3½	...	" " "	
Mon.	31	29.45	56½	53	48	E.	3	4	8	...	64	36	0	...	" " "	



Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the month of June, 1875.  
 Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.	At 10 a.m., Local Time, Reading of			Wind.		Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain fallen in previous 24 Hours.		Remarks.
			Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Direction.	Force.	Dr. Moffat.	Dr. Schönbein.	Maximum in Air.	Minimum in Air.	On the Ground.	Feet above Ground.	
Tues.	1	29.59	61	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	56	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.	3	...	7	72	42	0	...	Bright Sunshine.
Wed.	2	29.59	62	65	57	E.	2	...	7	76	47	0	...	" " Cirro Cumulus.
Th.	3	29.41	65	70	61	E. by S.	1	...	5	84	53	0	...	" " " "
Fri.	4	29.39	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	64	60	S.W.	1	...	1	93	61	0	...	" " " "
Sat.	5	29.49	66	68	58	N. by W.	1	...	3	86	51	.7	...	Mist before 10. Sunshine.
Sun.	6	29.40	63	61	58	S.W.	2	...	5	84	51	.10	...	Sunshine. Cumulus.
Mon.	7	29.60	64	66	60	S.W.	3	...	3	74	52	0	...	Nimbus. Sunshine.
Tues.	8	29.65	65	70	66	W.N.W.	1	...	1	75	54	.17	...	Sunshine. Cumulus. Showers.
Wed.	9	29.30	66	68	60	S.	2	...	5	85	50	0	...	" " " "
Th.	10	29.20	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$	57	S.W.	1	...	8	86	51	.5	...	" " " "
Fri.	11	29.10	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	61	55	W.	3	...	4	72	46	.48	...	" " " "
Sat.	12	29.19	58	54	53	S.W.	3	...	7	65	44	.48	...	" " " "
Sun.	13	29.25	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	58	54	S.W.	1	...	8	64	43	...	...	Nimbus.
Mon.	14	29.10	59	57	56	S.W.	2	...	4	61	52	...	...	Sunshine. Cloudy. Rain.
Tues.	15	29.98	59	56	53	S.W.	3	...	4	63	49	.29	...	Nimbus.
Wed.	16	29.10	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	63	56	S.W.	2	...	4	69	48	.2	...	Sunshine.
Th.	17	29.28	60	65	58	S.W.	1	...	4	74	45	0	...	Cumulus. Showers.
Fri.	18	29.48	60	63	56	S.W.	1	...	2	79	48	.7	...	" " " "
Sat.	19	29.61	63	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	E.	1	...	1	82	47	.11 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	Heavy Thunderstorm.
Sun.	20	29.40	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	58	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	S.W.	1	...	3	80	51	.10	...	Veering. Sunshine.
Mon.	21	29.28	60	51	49	N.E.	1	...	0	78	51	0	...	Nimbus. Wet.
Tues.	22	29.60	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63	57	N.W.	1	...	0	83	46	0	...	Overcast.
Wed.	23	29.65	62	61	58	W.S.W.	1	...	0	85	46	0	...	Sunshine. Cumulus.
Th.	24	29.67	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	63	57	N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.	1	...	0	78	51	0	...	Dull.
Fri.	25	29.54	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	N.W.	1	...	0	84	54	0	...	Sunshine. Cumulus.
Sat.	26	29.40	61	67	63	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.	1	...	1	85	53	0	...	" " " "
Sun.	27	29.50	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	58	S.W.	1	...	2	82	48	.1	...	Occasional Sunshine. Nimbus. Small Rain.
Mon.	28	29.30	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	57	57	S.S.W.	2	...	5	82	52	.10	...	Sunshine. Cumulus.
Tues.	29	29.30	62	64	61	W. by S.	1	...	4	65	54	.43	...	Nimbus. Rain.
Wed.	30	29.31	62	63	60	S.W.	1	...	2	71	52	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	Sunshine. Cumulo Stratus. Showers.

Meteorological Observations taken at Caterham Asylum at 10 a.m. during the month of July, 1875.  
Latitude 51° 17' North; Longitude 0° 5' West. Height above the Sea, 660 feet.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Barometer.	At 10 a.m., Local Time, Reading of			Wind.		Amount of		Ozone Scale.		Reading of Self-Registering Thermometer.		Rain fallen in previous 24 Hours.		Remarks.
			Attached Thermometer.	Dry Bulb Thermometer.	Wet Bulb Thermometer.	Direction.	Force.	Cloud.	Dr. Moffat.	Dr. Schönbein.	Maximum in Air.	Minimum in Air.	On the Ground.	Feet above Ground.		
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Th.	1	29.20	60½	59	...	S.W.	1	6	2	...	65	53	{ ½ in. .22	...	Rain. Heavy Showers. Nimbus.	
Fri.	2	29.22	62	63	...	N.W.	1	4	1	...	64	52	.2	...	Sunshine.	
Sat.	3	29.34	60½	58	...	N.E.	1	3	0	...	69	54	.11	...	Overcast.	
Sun.	4	29.69	60½	53	...	N.E.	2	3	3	...	63	54	.7	...	" Bright Evening.	
Mon.	5	29.78	61	62	...	N.E.	1	1	3	...	72	45	0	...	Sunshine.	
Tues.	6	29.72	63½	74	...	E.	2	1	4	...	75	52	0	...	"	
Wed.	7	29.72	62½	60	...	N.E.	2	4	7	...	77	52	0	...	"	
Th.	8	29.42	61	54½	...	S.W.	1	5	4	...	72	52	.21½	...	Nimbus. P.M., Bright Sunshine.	
Fri.	9	29.18	60½	58	...	N.W.	1	5	0	...	59	51	.5	...	Overcast.	
Sat.	10	29.11	60	62	...	S.W.	1	4	2	...	64	49	.22	...	Nimbus.	
Sun.	11	28.98	58	59	...	N.N.W.	3	4	7	...	69	45	.16	...	Sunshine.	
Mon.	12	29.48	60½	63	...	N.N.W.	2	2	2	...	64	47	0	...	"	
Tues.	13	29.62	60½	67	...	S.W.	1	2	2	...	75	45	0	...	"	
Wed.	14	29.42	60	60	...	S.E.	1	5	0	...	79	47	0	...	Cumulo Stratus. Incessant Rain.	
Th.	15	29.09	59	56	...	N.W.	2	8	5	...	63	51	lost	...	Nimbus. Incessant heavy Rain.	
Fri.	16	29.22	60	55	...	E.N.E.	4	6	7	...	63	51	{ 1½ in. .18	...	{ Gale from S.E. to E.N.E. St. Swithin's.	
Sat.	17	29.28	60	54½	...	N.E.	3	7	2	...	64	53	.28	...	{ Heavy Rainfall.	
Sun.	18	29.20	61½	60	...	N.E.	1	4	0	...	60	55	.7	...	" Rain.	
Mon.	19	29.28	62½	62	...	S.E.	1	5	0	...	84	58	{ ½ in. .10	...	" P.M., Blue Sky.	
Tues.	20	29.38	63	61½	...	S.W.	1	3	0	...	65	56	.½	...	" Sunshine. Cumulo Stratus.	
Wed.	21	29.31	60½	55½	...	W.	2	5	1	...	77	56	.43	...	" Bright Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Th.	22	29.24	63	61	...	N.W.	1	2	0	...	66	51	0	...	"	
Fri.	23	29.12	63	62	...	N.W.	1	3	0	...	74	52	0	...	" Cumulus.	
Sat.	24	29.12	61	66	...	S.W.	1	4	0	...	72	53	.11	...	" Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Sun.	25	29.38	65	61	...	W.	1	4	0	...	74	47	0	...	Bright Sunshine. Cumulus.	
Mon.	26	29.70	65	58	...	N.N.W.	1	1	1	...	83	45	0	...	" Cirro Cumulus.	
Tues.	27	29.88	66	57	...	S.S.E.	1	2	0	...	85	51	0	...	"	
Wed.	28	29.73	64	59	...	E.	2	1	5	...	84	50	0	...	"	
Th.	29	29.79	68	60	...	E.	1	1	5	...	81	50	0	...	"	
Fri.	30	29.60	70	66	...	N.W.	1	2	2	...	89	54	0	...	"	
Sat.	31	29.89	72	56	...	N.W.	1	1	0	...	83	51	0	...	"	

## STEWARD'S REPORT.

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Caterham Asylum, October 12th, 1875.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my fifth Report, I have to call your attention to the very satisfactory working of all the various portions of the Asylum under my supervision.

The reduction of the price of flour from 44s. to 32s., has produced a 4 lb. loaf for 4d. during the year, although, no doubt, in consequence of the sudden rise in price of this article after the last contract was taken, it has not been so good during the last half year as we usually have had it, and the average production of the sack of 280 lbs. has been only 95 4 lb. loaves. The other articles of consumption which have been purchased either by contract or openly in the market, and which have been brought under your notice on repeated visits, have been of the usual good and wholesome descriptions, and have given every satisfaction.

The prices of the various articles for the year are slightly under those of 1874, and I think there will be a slight diminution in consequence in the cost of the inmates' maintenance. Varieties in the diet from time to time of fruit pies and other articles in season, have been found beneficial, and in obedience to the orders of the Committee, these have been administered, much to the enjoyment of the poor people.

There has been little alteration in the kitchen since my last Report. The boilers erected for the additional accommodation of our increased numbers, by Messrs. Benham, have been found to work satisfactorily, and the cooking of the inmates' food



has been favourably reported on by the Committee and the Commissioners in Lunacy.

In the various industrial departments we have during the year had an increased amount of work, although the number of inmates employed has not been quite so large as in the previous year. Detailed accounts of this work will be shown at the end of this Report.

The satisfactory state of the farm and garden has been commented upon by the Farm Sub-Committee, and I have great pleasure in calling your attention to the farm statistics, which show a profit of nearly £400, notwithstanding the whole of the cattle were affected by the epidemic of foot and mouth disease, which caused the death of about fifty pigs, and deprived us of our supply of milk for some time.

On the whole, therefore, I think that the matters coming under my supervision have been carried on satisfactorily, and it will be seen that we have now got into a routine of work, consequent upon having had five years' experience, and the objects for which we strive, viz., the good of the inmates, and the economy and efficiency of the Institution, alike receive successful attention.

A larger number of visitors have been recorded at the entrance gates than during any other year, and there has been scarcely one person who has in any way misconducted himself. The numbers now amount on ordinary visiting days to 160 and upwards, and on days of public holiday to nearly 600.

One serious accident occurred in the kitchen, which has been already reported and commented upon, and steps have been taken to prevent a similar recurrence.

The subordinate officers and servants under my charge remain nearly the same; there have been one or two dismissals, but the other changes have been made with the sanction of the Com-

mittee, when deserving officers have endeavoured to improve their positions. It will be a source of gratification to the Committee to know that the whole of these are conducting themselves with propriety.

I have to thank the Committee for the great assistance rendered me in the discharge of my general duties, and for their very kind consideration in the many difficult matters I have had to bring under their notice, and especially for their commiseration and support against a most vexatious and mendacious attack made upon me by a former servant of the Asylum.

In conclusion, I beg to refer you to the Tables which I have appended, and to state that the persons who have worked in the various departments to which they allude, have performed their duties very satisfactorily.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)           GEORGE WHITE,  
*Steward.*

*Work executed at Caterham Asylum, 1874.*

## UPHOLSTERY.

ARTICLES.	No.	Price.	Value.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Made Mattresses .. ..	655	0 1 6	49 2 6
„ Pillows .. ..	343	0 0 3	4 5 9
„ Bolsters .. ..	682	0 0 6	17 1 0
„ Special Mattresses ..	9	0 2 0	0 18 0
„ Coffin Pillows .. ..	231	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 4 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bed Sackings altered and re- paired .. .. }	1,639	0 1 0	81 19 0
Made Tea Bags .. ..	48	0 0 1	0 4 0
„ Mattress Cases .. ..	82	0 0 6	2 1 0
„ Pillow Cases .. ..	77	0 0 1	0 6 5
„ Bolster Cases .. ..	320	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 0 0
Hair, picked and washed (98 } cwt. at .. .. }	..	0 18 0	88 4 0
„ combed and washed 12 cwt. at	..	1 0 0	12 0 0
			258 6 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wages and Expenses .. ..	..	..	123 14 10
Value of Inmates' Labour ..	..	..	134 11 7 $\frac{3}{4}$



*Work executed during the Year ending Michaelmas, 1875.*

### TAILORING.

ARTICLES.	Number	Price.	Entire Value.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jackets made .. .. .	544	0 3 0	81 12 0
Trousers „ .. .. .	268	0 2 9	36 17 0
Vests „ .. .. .	608	0 1 6	45 12 0
Boys' Suits .. .. .	188	0 2 0	18 16 0
Capes .. .. .	25	0 1 0	1 5 0
Jackets mended .. .. .	1,388	0 1 0	69 8 0
Trousers „ .. .. .	4,239	0 1 0	211 19 0
Waistcoats .. .. .	1,721	0 0 6	43 0 6
Officers' Dress Uniforms .. .. .	8	1 0 0	8 0 0
„ Undress „ .. .. .	13	0 10 0	6 10 0
Mending and other General } Repairs not included above }	..	..	11 6 0
			534 5 6
Wages and Expenses.. .. .	..	..	264 17 4
Profit Value of Inmates' Labour .. .. .	..	..	269 8 2

### SHOEMAKING.

ARTICLES.	No. Pairs.	Price.	Entire Value.
		s. d.	£ s. d.
Repaired .. .. .	4,110	1 6	308 5 0
„ .. .. .	1,811	0 6	45 5 6
„ .. .. .	339	0 2	2 16 6
			356 7 0
Wages and Expenses .. .. .	..	..	117 10 0
Value of Inmates' Labour .. .. .	..	..	238 17 0

# CATERHAM ASYLUM.

FARM ACCOUNT (CAPITAL). VALUATION, MICHAELMAS, 1874.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Valuation, 1874 ..	2,043	6	8	6 Horses ..	140	0	0
Increase on year ..	382	6	8	1 Bull ..	30	0	0
				25 Cows ..	540	0	0
				21 Heifers and Calves ..	180	0	0
					750	0	0
				234 Pigs ..	440	0	0
				Implements ..	137	0	0
				Hay.. ..	115	0	0
				Mangolds ..	360	0	0
				Swedes and other Turnips ..	125	0	0
				Cabbages ..	15	0	0
				Potatoes ..	12	0	0
				Straw ..	10	0	0
				Stock in Garden as per ..	315	0	0
				Gardener's List ..	6	13	4
				Shed in Park ..			
					£2,425	13	4

# CATERHAM ASYLUM.

FARM BALANCE SHEET, MICHAELMAS, 1875.

Dr.

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To Cash Paid for—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By value of Milk supplied to the	£	s.	d.
Oats ..	..	71	16	6	..	..	Asylum, 16,430 gallons	821	9	4
Maize ..	..	78	2	6	..	..	„ Pork and Beef	442	18	8
Barley ..	..	32	9	6	..	..	„ Potatoes	88	17	2
Hay ..	..	43	6	0	..	..	„ Other Vegetables	631	14	6
Straw ..	..	221	6	6	..	..	„ Sale of Calves	20	16	0
Oilcake ..	..	116	5	0	..	..	„ Increased value of Stock	382	6	8
Flour ..	..	30	14	5						
Grains ..	..	125	0	0						
Barley Meal ..	..	155	8	3						
Pollard ..	..	0	8	0						
Middlings ..	..	99	10	0						
Bran ..	..	13	9	9						
Linseed ..	..	8	2	0						
Peas ..	..	66	6	0						
Beans ..	..	17	4	0						
Carried forward	£1,079	8	5				Carried forward	2,388	2	4

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## M A T R O N ' S     R E P O R T .

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CATERHAM ASYLUM,

October 14th, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in again placing before you a brief outline of the past year's history, so far as it refers to the working of this Asylum, in my own immediate department.

First of all, I am pleased to tell you that no change has occurred amongst the female Officers. The number of resignations among the Nurses have been fewer than in former years. At the present time every Charge Nurse, with one exception, has been trained here, and many of them have proved themselves very efficient in the discharge of their duties ; and considering the very trying nature of their work, and the great responsibility attached to their office, there is much reason to be thankful that we have been able to qualify them for so important a position.

Of the 1,052 female Patients, the average number of those capable of rendering any assistance is not more than 400. Of these 74 are employed in the laundry, 24 in the work-room, 175 as ward-helpers, a few others help in the mess-room and officers' quarters, and occasionally assistance is given in the kitchen.

The labour of making, mending, and washing is largely increased by the number of wet and dirty cases, and also by the destructive habits of many of the Patients. It is a remarkable fact that certain Patients seem to have an antipathy to certain garments ; thus we find on the daily Report the same name recorded again and again as having torn up a dress, whilst others constantly destroy their stockings, others their underlinen, some their bedding. Every device has been tried to check this destruction, without avail, possibly owing to the very limited Staff.

Some idea of the labour done may be formed from the fact that 78,000 dozen articles are washed in the laundry during the year. If we value these at 6*d.* per dozen, it will be seen that the value of our Laundry Return is £1,950. When I say 6*d.* per dozen, of course I really undervalue the work, as I include starched dresses, shirts, large table-cloths, and the whole of the bedding. Of this sum a deduction must of course be made for working expenses, viz., paid labour:—1 Laundry Superintendent, 8 Laundry-maids, and 1 Laundry-man—materials, and wear and tear of machinery. Yet it must be apparent that this department is worked with a fair profit.

Another branch of profitable female industry is to be found in the making and repairs, best shown by the following tables:—

*Number of Articles made during the Year.*

No.	Articles.				Value.		
					£	s.	d.
1,384	Dresses	..	..	at 9 <i>d.</i> each	51	18	0
231	Uniform ditto	..	..	„ 2 <i>s.</i> „	23	2	0
1,479	Shirts	..	..	„ 2 <i>d.</i> „	18	9	9
310	Flannel ditto	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	1	18	9
1,050	Shifts	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	6	11	3
307	Flannel ditto	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	1	18	4½
1,646	Pillow Cases	..	..	„ 1 <i>d.</i> „	6	17	2
220	Sheets	..	..	„ 1 <i>d.</i> „	0	18	4
1,092	Caps	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	6	16	6
447	Aprons	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	2	15	10½
112	Curtains	..	..	„ 3 <i>d.</i> „	1	7	9
131	Table Cloths	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	0	16	4½
95	Flannel Petticoats	..	..	„ 2 <i>d.</i> „	0	15	10
577	Towels	..	..	„ ½ <i>d.</i> „	1	4	0½
146	Hoods	..	..	„ 1½ <i>d.</i> „	0	18	3
221	Drawers	..	..	„ 2½ <i>d.</i> „	2	6	0½
216	Nightgowns	..	..	„ 2 <i>d.</i> „	1	16	0
3,313	Handkerchiefs	..	..	„ ¼ <i>d.</i> „	3	9	0¼
351	Shrouds	..	..	„ 2½ <i>d.</i> „	3	13	1¼
23	Shawls	..	..	„ 1 <i>d.</i> „	1	11	0
148	Trousers	..	..	„ 1 <i>s.</i> „	7	8	0
<hr/>					£145	2	4
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13,498							
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*Number of Articles repaired during the Year.*

No.	Articles.					Value.		
						£	s.	d.
20,178	Hose	..	..	at per pair	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	42	9	0
10,852	Pillow Cases	..	..	each	$\frac{1}{4}d.$	11	6	1
12,234	Aprons	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	25	9	9
15,396	Dresses	..	..	„	$1d.$	64	3	0
8,389	Shirts	..	..	„	$1d.$	34	19	10
9,843	Sheets	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	20	10	$1\frac{1}{2}$
6,020	Shifts	..	..	„	$\frac{3}{4}d.$	18	6	3
5,388	Petticoats	..	..	„	$1d.$	22	9	0
7,620	Nightgowns	..	..	„	$\frac{3}{4}d.$	23	16	3
2,304	Stays	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	4	16	0
5,080	Caps..	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{2}d.$	10	11	8
5,828	Rugs..	..	..	„	$1d.$	24	5	8
1,844	Towels	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{4}d.$	1	18	5
974	Drawers	..	..	„	$\frac{1}{4}d.$	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$
930	Blankets	..	..	„	$1d.$	3	17	6
889	Table Cloths	..	..	„	$1d.$	3	14	1
<hr/>						£314	2	11
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Total of making						145	2	4
„ repairs						314	2	11
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						£459	5	3
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Considerable alteration has been made in the clothing; garments of thicker material, and more diversified in colour and pattern, have been introduced with good effect. A variety of fancy caps have been issued to some of the aged women, which gives them a more home-like appearance than the usual thick white cap; to the more careful ones a Sunday dress is now supplied—this is considered a great privilege.

The amusements so freely provided through your kindness, have been duly appreciated.

To you, Gentlemen, who by your constant attention to the working of the Asylum, having a thorough knowledge of the actual working of each department, I need say but little more, except perhaps a word for those who by their patient suffering appeal most strongly to our sympathy. In all my experience I know of no sight more painful than that of seeing, as we so frequently do here, poor solitary souls who have either outlived their kindred or are left alone forgotten or forsaken. To minister to such as these is really more a privilege than a task, and here I cannot speak too highly of some of the Nurses engaged with the sick and aged. Very many of the Patients belong to that most pitiable class—"those who have seen better days." It is therefore necessary, so far as we can with the means at command, and with a due regard to economy—mindful that the poor maintain the poor—to surround these objects of compassion with such comforts as will to some extent ameliorate their painful condition.

As in former years, I must here reiterate that although much has been done much still remains to be done.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my sincere thanks for your uniform kindness and support, which I trust will be extended to me in future years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) E. E. MOSELY,

*Matron.*

## THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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The Chaplain has the honour to present his Annual Report to the Committee of Management.

The Chapel Services have been duly conducted.

The behaviour of the Patients at the Daily Morning and Evening Services is very orderly. The Responses, Chants, and Hymns are heartily joined in.

On Sunday the Patients assemble in the usual number, and are most attentive. The Morning Service was attended on last Sunday by 411; the Evening by 414, about the usual average.

The Holy Communion is well attended, and the same interest is manifest among the Patients. Their conduct during the administration is admirable.

The General Wards have been visited, and the Infirmary Wards frequently visited; the Patients duly administered to, the Sick comforted and cheered.

Reading and Prayer in each Block is still carried on with beneficial effect.

Through the kindness of the Committee, which the Chaplain desires here to acknowledge with gratitude, a Month's rest was given. During his absence the Services were kindly arranged and provided for by the House Superintendent at the request of the Committee.

(Signed) JOSHUA GROUND, M.A.,

*Chaplain to the Metropolitan Asylum,*

October, 1875.

*Caterham, Surrey.*



## RESIDENT ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ASYLUM, CATERHAM,

*30th September, 1875.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Fifth Annual Report, giving an account of the principal works that have been executed and improvements made during the past year; also a statement as to the condition of the machinery, apparatus, &c., in this Asylum.

In my last Report I stated that the means for extinguishing fire were considered insufficient. Acting on this, a contract was entered into with Messrs. Shand and Mason to carry into effect the recommendations I had made in my Report for the sum of £432. This is now completed, and a fireman is employed to keep the various appliances in working order and ready for immediate use.

The openings in the iron casements to the whole of the Blocks have been protected by means of guard bars, which will effectually prevent accidents in that direction for the future.

Extra heating surface has been added to two sets of drying horses in the laundry. This has added much to their efficiency.

The storerooms on ground floors of Male B C D and E Blocks have been converted into single rooms, and a small portion of the lavatories taken for storerooms. This was considered necessary by the Medical Superintendent, in consequence of the great distance excited Patients had to be taken up the long and, in the winter, cold corridor to the single rooms then existing.

Hot and cold water pipes have been laid on to corridors on each side of centre Block for scrubbing purposes, the hot water being supplied from a boiler attached to the kitchen fire.

It was considered that some extra precaution was necessary in case the slate slabs on the roof of the Water Tower should at any time get loosened by the violent winds to which we are subject in this locality, and a very substantial iron grid has been fixed around the eaves, so as to catch anything that may work loose.

Gas-meters are now fixed in each Block and in many other positions, in order that the consumption of gas in different portions of the Asylum may be compared and checked.

The piggeries at the Farm having been built on made ground, the floors had sunk in places. The whole has been taken up and relaid; also 233 square yards of Mount Sorrel granite paving were laid down at the back of the stables, Farm cottage, and implement shed.

The former mode of raising the beer from the cellars through copper pipes into an iron cistern, and pumping thence up into cans on the floor above, was found inconvenient, and has been altered. The beer is now drawn in cans and sent up in a lift, which delivers it in far better condition.

Four slate urinals have been erected in the airing courts, and the same number of drinking-fountains, which supply a want long felt.

One-third of the exterior of the Asylum has been painted during the summer months. Male B C D and E Wards have been cleansed, painted, and distempered; the upper parts of the walls have frescoes painted on them by one of the Patients, which adds much to the cheerfulness of the wards.

The General Stores are painted and distempered throughout. The Chaplain's house, Assistant Medical Officer's rooms and Farm

Cottage, have all been cleaned, painted, and papered, and the ceilings whitened. The walls of the Recreation Hall have been highly decorated with fresco-paintings; these have been executed entirely by a Patient who was formerly at Tooting Asylum.

A further portion of the external walls and chimney-stacks have been pointed with Portland cement during the summer.

The roads and footpaths are all in good repair. A considerable reserve of broken stone and material for tar-pavement is in hand for new work or repairs as may be required.

Drawings and a specification have been prepared by me for additions to this Asylum to the following extent:—A new male block, day rooms to each infirmary block, double the bath accommodation on the female side; a plunge bath and other additional baths on the male side, and a second reservoir for storage of rain-water. These plans were approved by the Local Government Board, and Mr. Chappell, the builder, has contracted to execute the works for the sum of £15,128. These works were commenced on the 28th of June last, are now in progress, and will in all probability be completed by Christmas next.

The roads, drains, water and gas mains, &c., have all been diverted by the Staff, so as to clear the site for the above works.

The quantity of gas manufactured during the year is 8,614,790 cubic feet, at a cost of £858 2s. 3d., or 1s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 1,000 cubic feet. The daily average consumption during the six winter months was 30,585 cubic feet, and during the summer months 16,580 cubic feet. Maximum daily consumption, 37,920 cubic feet; minimum daily consumption, 10,636 cubic feet.

A detailed account of the cost of manufacturing the gas is appended.

The well still retains its good character, there being a large surplus over the requirements of the Asylum. The minimum depth of water for the year was 84 feet, on the 1st of October, 1874, and the maximum depth 154 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet, on the 3rd of March, 1875.



Rain-water is used in all cases as far as it will go, but the heavy rains of this year have again shown the necessity for another reservoir.

It was found necessary to renew the steam-pipes to the cooking apparatus in the kitchen, as many leaks began to appear, especially at the elbows. This is all in good repair now, and working well, as are also the gas ovens and tables.

The engines and other machinery are in good, sound working order. All the necessary repairs have been executed by the Staff. The power drilling-machine and foot-lathe recently purchased are most useful accessories to this work.

All the damaged furniture is now repaired by the Staff. This is found more economical than sending it away for that purpose, as the work is done more substantially and at a smaller cost.

An innumerable variety of small repairs and renewals have been carried out in the most cheerful and able manner by the workmen in my department.

Thanking you for your kindness and support,

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) WM. CRICKMAY,

*Resident Engineer.*

## METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT, CATERHAM.

*Gas Account for twelve months, from September 29th, 1874, to  
September 30th, 1875.*

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coal in stock, September 29, 1874,									
100 tons at 27s. . . . .	..	..	..	135	0	0			
Ditto			delivered during year—						
Tons.	cwt.	qrs.							
191	2	0	at 23s. 9d. . . . .	226	18	8			
245	0	0	„ 25s. 3d. . . . .	309	13	9			
204	6	3	„ 25s. . . . .	255	8	4 $\frac{1}{4}$			
7	10	0	„ 27s. . . . .	10	2	6			
102	1	0	„ 24s. 3d. . . . .	123	14	8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
154	10	0	„ 21s. 2d. . . . .	163	10	3			
135	18	2	„ 21s. 4d. . . . .	144	19	2 $\frac{1}{4}$			
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				£1,369	7	5			

Deduct 152 tons Coal in stock on

September 30th, 1875, at 21s. 4d. . . . .	162	2	8	1,207	4	9
55 yards, Lime, at 11s. . . . .	..	..	..	30	5	0
Labour . . . . .	..	..	..	140	0	0
329 Chaldrons Coke, at 15s. . . . .	..	..	..	246	15	0
Wear and tear of Apparatus; 8,614,790 cubic feet, at 1d. per thousand cubic feet . . . . .	..	..	..	35	17	10
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				£1,660	2	7

*Residual Products:*

988 Chaldrons Coke, at 15s. . . . .	741	0	0			
2,772 Gallons Tar, sold, at 2d. . . . .	23	2	0			
7,108 „ „ in stock, at 1d. . . . .	29	12	4			
83 Loads lime, from Purifiers, at 2s. . . . .	8	6	0	802	0	4
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				£858	2	3
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Net cost of producing 8,614,790 cubic feet of Gas, 1s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per  
thousand cubic feet.

## CATERHAM ASYLUM.

*Statement showing the Staff on the 2nd October, 1875.*

## OFFICERS.

			£	s.	d.
(a)	Dr. J. Adam, Medical Superintendent	.. ..	500	0	0
(b)	The Rev. J. Ground, M.A., Chaplain	.. ..	200	0	0
(a)	Mr. G. White, Steward	.. ..	300	0	0
(c)	Mrs. E. E. Mosely, Matron	.. ..	175	0	0
(e)	Mr. W. H. Pratten, Clerk of the Asylum	.. ..	200	0	0
(b)	Mr. W. Crickmay, Resident Engineer	.. ..	200	0	0
(d)	Mr. G. S. Seccombe, 1st Assistant Medical Officer	.. ..	150	0	0
(d)	Mr. H. B. Harrison, 2nd ditto ditto	.. ..	120	0	0
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			£1,845	0	0

## SUBORDINATE OFFICERS AND SERVANTS.

(e)	1 Assistant Clerk	at £60 per annum	60	0	0
(d)	1 Steward's Clerk	„ 70 „	70	0	0
(f)	1 Inspector	„ 70 „	70	0	0
(f)	1 Male Head Attendant	„ 50 „	50	0	0
(d)	1 Assistant Matron	„ 56 „	56	0	0
(f)	2 Female Head Attendants	„ 31 „	62	0	0
(d)	1 Workmistress	„ 40 „	40	0	0
(d)	1 Laundry Superintendent	„ 40 „	40	0	0
(f)	2 First Class Attendants and their wives .. .. }	„ 55 „	110	0	0
(f)	1 First Class Attendant and Wife .. .. }	„ 54 „	54	0	0
(f)	1 First Class Attendant and Wife .. .. }	„ 51 „	51	0	0
(f)	1 First Class Attendant and Wife .. .. }	„ 49 „	49	0	0
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Carried forward			£2,557	0	0

(a) Unfurnished House, Coals, Gas, Vegetables, and Milk. (b) Unfurnished House, Coals and Gas. (c) Furnished House, Vegetables, Milk, Coals, and Gas. (d) Furnished Apartments and Rations. (e) Dinner daily. (f) Lodging, Rations, and Uniform.



			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	..	2,557	0	0
(f) 1 First Class Attendant and } Wife .. .. . }	at 47 per annum		47	0	0
(f) 3 First Class Male Attendants	„ 30 „		90	0	0
(f) 1 Second Class Attendant and } Wife .. .. . }	„ 42 „		42	0	0
(f) 1 First Class Female Attendant	„ 23 „		23	0	0
(f) 2 First Class Female Attendants	„ 20 „		40	0	0
(f) 2 First Class Female Attendants	„ 19 „		38	0	0
(f) 3 First Class Female Attendants	„ 18 „		54	0	0
(f) 1 Head Laundry Maid	„ 21 „		21	0	0
(f) 1 Head Laundry Maid	„ 18 „		18	0	0
(f) 2 Second Class Male Attendants	„ 27 „		54	0	0
(f) 3 Second Class Male Attendants	„ 26 „		58	0	0
(f) 10 Second Class Male Attendants	„ 25 „		250	0	0
(f) 1 Second Class Female Attend.	„ 18 „		18	0	0
(f) 2 Second Class Female Attendts.	„ 17 „		34	0	0
(f) 14 Second Class Female Attendts.	16 „		224	0	0
(f) 15 Second Class Female Attendts	15 „		225	0	0
(f) 1 Hall Porter	„ 32 „		32	0	0
(f) 1 Tailor Attendant	„ 33 „		33	0	0
(f) 1 Cook	„ 36 „		36	0	0
(f) 1 Assistant Cook	„ 16 „		16	0	0
(f) 1 Assistant Cook	„ 15 „		15	0	0
(f) 1 Assistant Cook	„ 14 „		14	0	0
(f) 2 Assistant Cooks	„ 13 „		26	0	0
(f) 1 Mess Woman	„ 21 „		21	0	0
(b) 1 Gate Porter	„ 23s. per week		59	16	0
(g) 1 Laundry Man	„ 15s. „		39	0	0
(f) 2 Laundry Maids	„ £14 per annum.		28	0	0
(f) 4 Laundry Maids	„ 13 „		52	0	0
(g) 1 Store Porter	„ 17s. per week		44	4	0
(g) 1 Store Porter	„ 10s. „		26	0	0
1 Gardener	„ 30s. „		78	0	0
1 Gardener	„ 20s. „		52	0	0
Carried forward			£4,385	0	0

(b) Unfurnished House, Coals, and Gas. (f) Lodging, Rations, and Uniform. (g) Rations.

			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	..	4,385	0	0
2 Gardeners	at 18s. per week		93	12	0
(b) 1 Cowman	„ 24s. „		62	8	0
(b) 1 Farm Man	„ 18s. „		46	16	0
1 Night Watchman	„ 20s. „		52	0	0
1 Gravedigger	„ 20s. „		52	0	0
1 Coachman	„ 20s. „		52	0	0
(f) 1 Fireman	„ 15s. „		39	0	0

## WORKMEN.

1 Engine Driver	at £2 5 0 per week	117	0	0
1 Engine Fitter	„ 1 16 0 „	93	12	0
1 Stoker	„ 1 0 0 „	52	0	0
1 Engine Cleaner	„ 1 0 0 „	52	0	0
(b) 1 Gasman	„ 1 2 0 „	57	4	0
1 Gasman	„ 1 4 0 „	62	8	0
1 Smith	„ 1 15 0 „	91	0	0
1 Tinman	„ 1 10 0 „	78	0	0
2 Carpenters	„ 1 15 0 „	182	0	0
1 Carpenter	„ 1 2 6 „	58	10	0
2 Bricklayers	„ 1 15 0 „	182	0	0
1 Plumber	„ 1 15 0 „	91	0	0
1 Painter	„ 1 15 0 „	91	0	0
1 Baker	„ 1 3 0 „	59	16	0
1 Tailor	„ 1 8 0 „	72	16	0
2 Tailors	„ 1 3 0 „	119	12	0
1 Tailor	„ 1 1 0 „	54	12	0
1 Tailor	„ 1 0 0 „	52	0	0
1 Shoemaker	„ 1 7 0 „	70	4	0
1 Shoemaker	„ 1 1 0 „	54	12	0
1 Upholsterer	„ 1 8 0 „	72	16	0
1 Mattrass-maker	„ 0 16 0 „	41	12	0

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Carried forward .. £6,588 10 0

(b) Unfurnished House, Coals, and Gas. (f) Lodgings, Rations, and Uniform.

						£	s.	d.
	Brought forward				..	6,588	10	0
2 Carmen	at	0	18	0	per week	93	12	0
1 Labourer	,,	1	5	0	,,	65	0	0
1 Labourer	,,	1	2	6	,,	58	10	0
2 Labourers	,,	1	2	0	,,	114	8	0
5 Labourers	,,	0	18	0	,,	234	0	0
1 Labourer	,,	0	10	0	,,	26	0	0

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Officers	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Subordinate Officers and Servants					..	..	112
Workmen..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
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Total	..			..	..	..	157
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